



TEAM Ocean (Ocean Conservation Education Action Network)

Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary

CHANNEL ISLANDS NATURALIST CORPS volunteers represent the sanctuary and park on board local whale watch vessels and educational cruises. Training includes information taught by regional experts in the field of resource management, marine mammals, oceanography, geology, island ecology, cultural history, seabirds, and more. Volunteers must attend an evening 5-week training session, commit to one year of volunteer service (approx. 120 hours per year), be at least 18 years of age, enjoy working with people and public speaking and have the ability to handle up to 8 hours at sea on power and/or sail vessels.

Facts about the Channel Islands Naturalist Corps

- 120 Channel Islands Naturalist Corps Volunteers donate more than 12,000 hours Annually on public whale watch tours and island hikes
- 17 species of marine mammals were documented by Naturalist Corps volunteers on public whale watch tours in 2005
- Sanctuary volunteers distribute educational brochures to 75 marine-related businesses and organizations through the Adopt-a-Business program
- Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary provides education about sanctuary resources at more than 35 community outreach events and talks annually

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary

TEAM OCEAN KAYAKER OUTREACH is a seasonal field program that provides face-to-face interpretation of Sanctuary natural history and programs, as well as guidelines on how to enjoy marine wildlife without disturbing it. The target audience is primarily ocean kayakers, but includes other sanctuary resource users who may be encountered on the water, such as boaters and divers. A large percentage of ocean kayakers are visitors to the area and unaware of or undereducated about the sanctuary's existence and sensitive wildlife. The Sanctuary's Team OCEAN Program puts knowledgeable naturalists out on the water in sanctuary kayaks, to greet and interact with fellow day kayakers. The naturalists serve as docents for the marine sanctuary, promote respectful wildlife viewing, and protect marine mammals from disturbance.

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary

TEAM OCEAN BOATER EDUCATION is an on-the-water education and information program aimed at protecting the natural marine resources of the Florida Keys, while enriching the experiences of visitors to the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. It involves the stationing of trained volunteer teams at heavily visited reef sites throughout the Keys during peak recreational boating seasons in order to educate and inform other boaters about the unique nature of the coral reef habitat, share their knowledge of the best approach to certain areas, demonstrate the use of a mooring buoy, and give out various safety information.

More Information on TEAM OCEAN programs can be found at
<http://www.sanctuaries.noaa.gov/education/involved/welcome.html>